THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Indian companies are importing vaccines from China after complying with statutory provision made for Import and Registration under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder. Under the Import Registration Rules, the applicant shall be liable for the payment of a fee of five thousand US dollar for expenditure as may be required for inspection or visit of the manufacturing premises or drugs, by the licensing authority or by any other persons to whom powers have been delegated in the behalf by the licensing authority.

(c) The following Indian firm have been registered for import of vaccine from Chinese source during the last year;

(i) M/s Wockhardt Limited, Mumbai

(ii) M/s Caplin Point Laboratories Ltd., Chennai

In respect of quality checks, each batch of Imported Vaccine along with its corresponding quality control protocols are sent to Central Drugs Laboratory, Kasauli for Batch Release certificate before marketing in the country.

Health warning on packets of tobacco products

t3491. SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to put the logo of danger alongwith health warning on the packings of tobacco products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the tobacco products have been given exemption from this legal requirement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to bring all tobacco products under this regulation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Section 8 of the "The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" provides for display of specified health warnings which includes pictorial warning on a package of all tobacco products. No tobacco product has been given exemption.

Pursuant to the provision of the Act, The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labeling) Rules, 2008 has been notified, whereby it is mandatory for all tobacco products to carry specified health warnings including pictorial warning on the packs.

The date for implementation of the Rules shall be notified separately.

Maternal and child mortality rates

3492. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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